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SUBJECT: MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS: POSSIBLE DEBATE ON THE KOREAN
ITEM IN THE 31ST UNGA

REF: STATE 098185

1. ROK AMBASSADOR CALLED ON ME TO DISCUSS SUBJECT
AND TACTICS, PRESUMABLY IN LINE WITH HIS RESPONSIBILITIES
AS CORE GOUP LEADER IN AMMAN HE SUGGESTED THAT WE
AND OTHERS APPROACH GOJ IN AMMAN BEFORE HE DOES SO
AND THAT HE WOULD WIND UP DEMARCHES HIMSELF LATER ON.

2. WITH THAT IN MIND BUT WITH INTENTION NOT TO GET
OUT IN FRONT OF ROK AMBASSADOR ON SUBJECT, I RAISED
UN KOREA ISSUE WITH PRIME MINISTER RIFAI 15 MAY,
PRESENTING POINTS REFTEL. RIFAI WAS MORE NON-COMMITTAL
THAN WHEN WE HAVE RAISED ISSUE IN FORMER YEARS, TELLING
ME THIS TIME THAT HE WOULD HAVE TO RESERVE
HIS POSIPON PENDING FURTHER CONSIDERATION.

3. IN EMBASSY'S JUDGEMENT, RIFAI'S RESERVATIONS
ON KOREA ISSUE RELATED TO GOJ'S PENDING EXPLORATION
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WITH SOVIETS ON ACQUISITION MISSILE AIR DEFENSE

SYSTEM. BELIEVE HE MAY SEE KOREA ISSUE AS ONE
ELEMENT OF POSSIBLE POLITICAL QUID PRO QUO JORDAN
CAN OFFER FOR FAVORABLE SOVIET TERMS ON MISSILE
SYSTEM. AS GOJ-USSR WEAPONS SUPPLY RELATIONSHIP AND
KING'S SCHEDULED JUNE VISIT TO MOSCOW UNFOLD WE
WILL CONTINUE TO BRING TO SENIOR GOJ ATTENTION GREAT
IMPORTANCE OF UN KOREA ITEM TO US AND, WE BELIEVE,
TO GOJ.
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